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Executive Registry

76-7418

12 March 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Presentation by Mr. [REDACTED] at Piqua, Ohio STATINTL

STATINTL 1. A Mr. Ward Ditmer attempted to establish telephonic contact with the Director on 11 March on a matter concerning Mr. [REDACTED] O/DCI referred the call to me and I telephoned Mr. Ditmer. He is a retired City Commissioner and was the organizer of a joint invitation being sent to the Agency, asking for a representative to speak to groups at the Piqua Central High School, its Vocational Training Center, as well as the Kiwanis, Rotarians and the Civil Air Patrol. He informed me that Mr. [REDACTED] addressed 1,173 people grouped in ten audiences in three days. He was ecstatic in his praise of Paul. All the appropriate nouns and adjectives were used, and he stated that he was speaking not only for himself, but for the Club Presidents as well as the school system.

2. He said that the particular reason for his telephone call was that the local daily newspaper chose to run an article illustrating all the alleged past wrongs of the Central Intelligence Agency and to end it by saying a CIA speaker had been in town and endeavored to portray the Agency in a fair and favorable light. Mr. Ditmer stated that he was highly incensed at the newspaper's treatment and had personally berated the editor for 30 minutes. He further stated that the groups' Presidents en masse were also going to meet with the editor to express their displeasure. His final message was that such unfair press treatment should not deter us from getting our message to the public.

3. I thanked him very much for this thoughtfulness and graciousness in calling this matter to our attention and, further, informed him I would have this matter called to the attention of Mr. Bush and that I would personally contact Paul. I have done the latter.

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[REDACTED]
John F. Blake

cc: Mr. Thuermer
D/OTR

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

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Director of Training
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for Administration
7D18 Headquarters

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Jack:

This is in response to your request at the morning meeting of 20 February for a status report on visiting groups and briefings of outside groups.


Alfonso Rodriguez

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